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Dear Renata Hesse:

For the past couple years, I have been very concerned that the anti-trust suit against Microsoft Corporation will slow down the progress Windows has brought to home users and businesses.

I have a dental practice in eastern South Dakota and I look forward to the development of a Windows based system in the near future to replace the DOS program my office has used. However, I believe if the government continues this case against Microsoft, it will retard the kinds of innovations which would benefit clients like me and others. I also believe that it would be harmful to creativity if this case results in government playing a role which slows down progress and makes companies less apt to develop new products and market them. I think the government should avoid micromanaging companies in the information technologies industry.

Beyond the government intrusion issue, what is disconcerting in this court action is the fact that Microsoft's actions have not been found to be harmful to consumers. I realize there are additional issues in this case, but it is also my understanding that those issues have been addressed in the settlement agreement.

I am sending this letter in the public comment phase of this process to let you know that I support the settlement agreement and wish to see an end to this case. I also applaud the settlement's provisions which will bring new technologies to schools where poverty has prevented children from competing educationally.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

Sincerely,

Dr. Konard O. Hauffe